

PCT
AP7 Rec'd PCT/PTO 10 MAR 2006

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: RENNER, ET AL

Serial No.: 10/554,175

Filed: OCTOBER 21, 2005

For: CONTACT PIECE MADE OF
TUNGSTEN PROVIDED WITH A
CORROSION-RESISTANT LAYER
MADE OF A BASE METAL

Examiner: Unknown

Group Art Unit: Unknown

Docket No. VOS0044/US

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450I CERTIFY THAT, ON March 7, 2006, THIS PAPER IS
BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS
MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS,
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450.
MARY C. DEUTSCHSUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97, 1.98 and the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure 609, Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the following information. The Examiner's independent and thorough review of this information is solicited.

Attached hereto please find Form PTO-1449 listing the cited references. The relevance of the attached references is explained in the present application at page 1, lines 30 to page 2, line 3 of the present patent application. A summary translation is also attached. The Examiner is requested to indicate consideration of each reference by initialing in the appropriate box for each reference, and returning an initialed copy with the next Official Action.

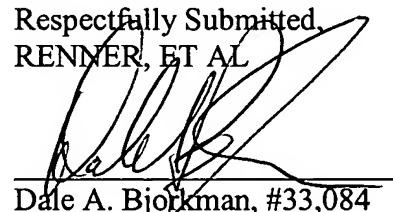
This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 to bring to the Examiner's attention those references which may be material to the Examiner for examination of this case. However, the citation of the above references in this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any patent or other reference referred to herein is "prior art" for this invention. In this regard, Applicants expressly reserve the right to contest that any of the references constitute "prior art."

No fee is believed to be necessary for the consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement since it is being filed before the receipt of an Office Action on the merits. In case the papers cross in the mail, it is requested that consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement be given under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 (c)(2). If any fee is required, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1775 and notify us of the same.

Dated: March 7, 2006

Respectfully Submitted,
RENNER, ET AL

By:


Dale A. Bjorkman, #33,084
Customer No. 33072
Phone: 651-275-9811
Fax: 651-351-2954

